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Minor Keilhauer called on me late yesterday to say that he had been meeting with Jorge and Willy Toriello and Fanjul. Jorge had just returned from US on Friday. They were greatly disturbed over possibility of sanctions. All of them realize that this government could not operate if sanctions were applied. He states that many of Arben's friends had been working on him to change the government's attitude and actions.

Keilhauer asked me if I would see the President and attempt to bring about a change in the situation. I replied I thought it strange he had asked this since the ministers with whom he had been conferring all knew President had only to call and that I would come to see him at any time. He said he hoped such a conference would take place soon as time was running out in view of proposed meeting of OAS. He and conferees knew this conference would vote economic sanctions against Guatemala and that government could not survive I told Keilhauer that if President calls me, naturally I will see him; however, I did not think it would serve any purpose unless President was prepared to offer concrete solutions to Communist issue. There was no need for us to meet if President intended to discuss fruit company problems and I wanted to talk about communism.

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